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FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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DUTY ON SCHOOL BAGS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed any excise duty on school bags which is used by majority of students.

(b) if so, the percentage imposed on school bags;

(c) whether Government is considering to exempt excise duty on school bags; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)and(b) All kinds of bags, including schoolbags, attract the mean Cenvat rate of 16% ad valorem. However, under the general exemption scheme for small units, full exemption from excise duty upto an annual value limit of Rs. 1 crore is available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) does not arise in view of (c) above.